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## **FACT SHEET**

### **REVISIONS TO THE SOURCE CATEGORY LIST AND SCHEDULE FOR STANDARDS**

#### **TODAY'S ACTION...**

- ! The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing a revision to the list of categories of industrial sources (known as source categories) for which it intends to develop regulations to control toxic air pollutants. Toxic air pollutants are those known or suspected to cause cancer or other serious health effects.
- ! EPA's revised source category list will contain a total of 173 categories for which EPA has either already issued regulations or intends to issue regulations. This action also updates the schedule by which EPA intends to propose and promulgate regulations for each listed source category.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- ! The Clean Air Act requires EPA to establish a program to regulate stationary sources which emit toxic air pollutants. EPA developed a list of source categories that consists of industrial processes emitting toxic air pollutants. "Major" source categories emit over 10 tons per year of a single toxic pollutant, or over 25 tons per year of multiple toxic pollutants. "Area" source categories emit toxic air pollutants in quantities below the 10- and 25-ton limits and are not considered major sources. EPA published the initial list of 174 source categories, which includes major and area sources, on July 16, 1992. EPA also published a schedule on December 3, 1993 for developing air toxics regulations for each of these source categories.
- ! The Clean Air Act requires EPA to periodically amend the source category list in response to public comment or new information. Source categories may be added to the list at any time provided EPA demonstrates that the category contains "major"-emitting sources or that the category includes area sources which pose a threat to human health. In the case of this action, EPA is not adding new source categories but is removing two previously listed source categories from the list after determining that they no longer contain major sources of air pollution.

#### **WHO WILL BE AFFECTED BY THESE CHANGES?**

##### **Deleted Source Categories**

This action removes the following source categories from the source category list. EPA has obtained new information that indicates the data used previously to list these as

“major” source categories are no longer valid. EPA has concluded that there are no “major”-emitting sources in each of these categories:

- Nylon 6 Production
- Cyanuric Chloride Production

#### **Source Categories with New Regulatory Deadlines**

The following source categories have new regulatory deadlines:

- EPA is switching the regulatory deadlines for *Cyanide Chemicals Manufacturing*, *Chlorine Production*, and *Reinforced Plastic Composites Production* from November 15, 1997 to November 15, 2000; and
- EPA is switching the regulatory deadlines for *Phosphoric Acid Manufacturing*, *Phosphate Fertilizers Production*, *Marine Vessel Loading Operations*, and *Secondary Lead Smelting (area sources)* from November 15, 2000 to November 15, 1997.

#### **Other Changes**

This action makes several other minor changes. These changes include combining two source categories into a single source category for purposes of regulatory efficiency.

This notice also consolidates several previously published revisions to the source category list that EPA has issued since July 1992. For example, in this notice EPA is updating the source category list to reflect a recent action that added Natural Gas Storage and Transmission as a category of major sources.

#### **DOES EPA ANTICIPATE ANY FUTURE ACTIONS?**

- ! This is a final action for these changes to the list of categories; however, the Clean Air Act requires EPA to continue to review and update the source category list if new information necessitates a change. Accordingly, EPA intends to continue its practice of evaluating newly available data and routinely reviewing the list to assure that it is accurate.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION...**

- ! Interested parties can download the rule from EPA's web site on the Internet under recently signed rules at the following address: (<http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/rules.html>). For further information about the proposal, contact Mr. David Svendsgaard of EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at (919) 541-2380.
- ! EPA's Office of Air and Radiation's homepage on the Internet contains a wide range of information on the air toxics program, as well as many other air pollution programs and

issues. The Office of Air and Radiation's home page address is: <http://www.epa.gov/oar/>.